

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q96434

Masaaki HIRANO, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/588,485

Group Art Unit: 1626

Confirmation No.: 8206

Examiner: Valerie Rodriguez-Garcia

Filed: August 4, 2006

For: PROPANE-1, 3-DIONE DERIVATIVE OR SALT THEREOF

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of March 18, 2009 to May 18, 2009.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge the statutory fee of \$130.00 and all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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